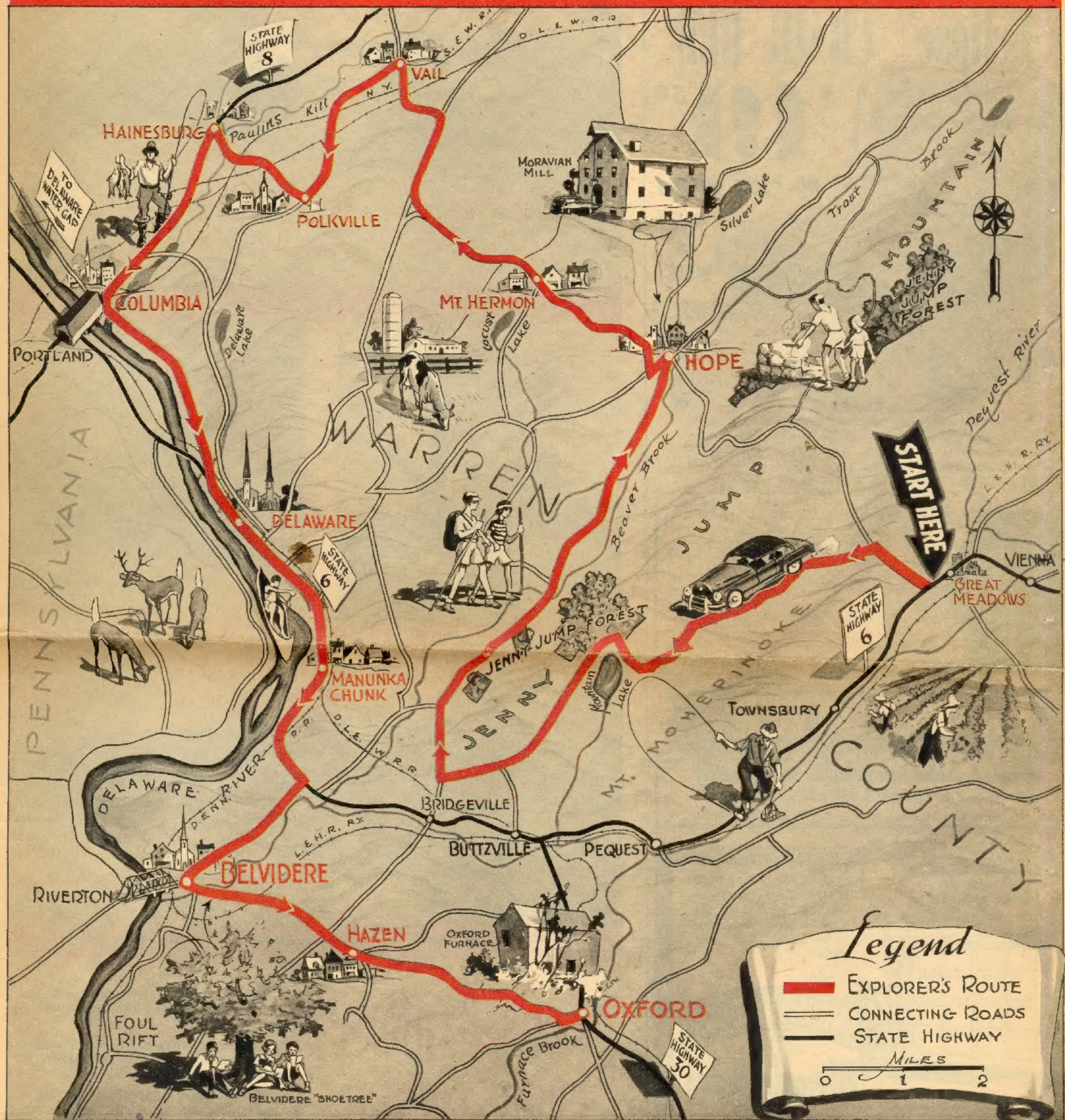


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LET'S EXPLORE — WARREN COUNTY MOUNTAINLAND



UNSPOILED beauty amid Warren County's Jenny Jump and Scott's mountains awaits the motorist on today's exploration deep in West Jersey. The extra dividends swiftly accrue—glimpses of the Delaware Water Gap, cooling waters in the Paulins Kill and Pequest River and the romance of some of New Jersey's most noted historical spots.

Start today's travel by turning north off Route 6 at Great Meadows, along the broad fields where onions, lettuce and celery grow profusely in the great muckland area that was once the bottom of a prehistoric lake. About a mile after leaving Route 6, turn left to little-visited Mountain Lake.

Stay north of the lake and keep right all the way to a "T" intersection. Swing right, and about a mile south of Hope look for the famed Washington Buttonball tree, just beyond the cemetery. This is

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the route which Gen. Washington took in 1782 and tradition says that he rested in the great tree's shade. Hope, settled by Moravians in the 18th Century, is certain to attract camera fans to its sturdy old buildings and the Moravian-built stone bridge.

Out of Hope, follow signs to Mt. Hermon and Vail, over rising roads which eventually offer far-off glimpses of Delaware Water Gap. As the road forks near Vail, keep left, then swing left on the road to Polkville along the D., L. & W. Railroad's famous "Cut Off." The Polkville-Hainesburg road passes directly under the Hainesburg viaduct, long recognized as one of the world's great railroad engineering feats.

The rest of the way is easy—and attractive, since much of it follows the Delaware River. Along the way is the wooden bridge at Columbia, the last covered bridge over the Delaware in New Jersey. Restful Belvidere, set on the rapidly-falling Pequest River, is an intriguing look at rural Jersey at its best. Homeward-bound, head for Hazen and Oxford, and just before leaving Belvidere, look for the unique "Shoe Tree," where centuries ago barefooted boys and girls from Hazen would stop to put on their shoes before going to church in town.

Anyone interested in Jerseyana will consider as a must a stop in Oxford—site of a budding iron industry before the Revolution. Homeward-bound, the most direct roads are by Route 6 or Route 24, both reached by North-South Route 30.

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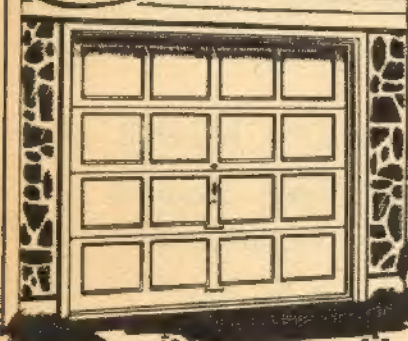
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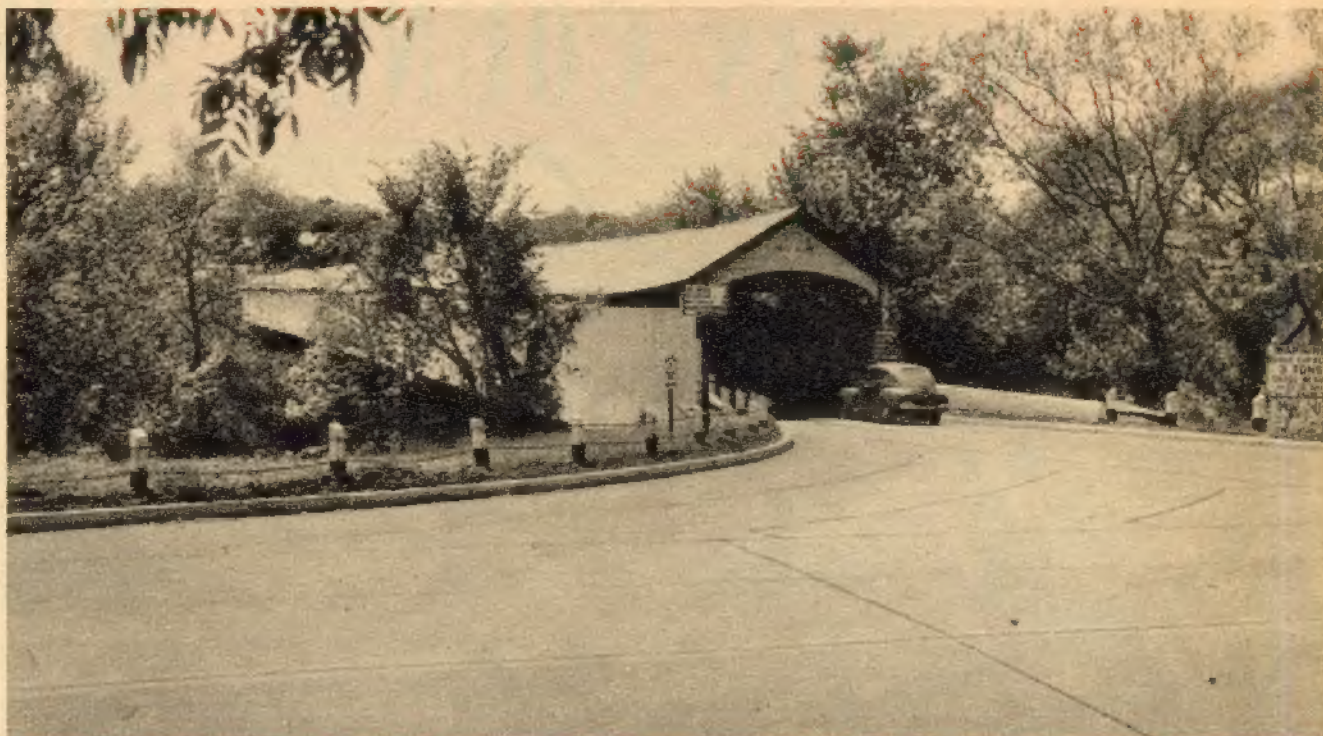
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This covered bridge at Columbia is the last of its kind over the Delaware River.



Washington's Buttonball tree (left), near Hope, and Belvidere's "Shoe Tree."



Waters of Mountain Lake, near Jenny Jump Mountain, mirror its surroundings.

Staff photos by Porter.

Now for the rules:

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Route 8 below Columbia with Lehigh & New England RR bridge across Delaware.



Dam, built in 19th Century to harness the Pequest, and footbridge at Belvidere.



Paulins Kill crossing at Hainesburg is in vicinity of D., L. & W.'s famed viaduct.



Optical illusion at Delaware. "Twin" of steeple which appears over St. James' Church (foreground) is actually that of Delaware Presbyterian Church (hidden).



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